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The Israeli military siege and assaults on the Palestinian people and the Palestinian leadership continue today in blatant contempt for the United Nations Security Council and its resolutions. In its first response to the demands made by the Council in resolution 1435 (2002), Israel, the occupying Power, not only continued the siege on the headquarters compound of President Arafat in Ramallah but also carried out yet another invasion of Gaza City.

In fact, Israeli officials, including a senior adviser to Prime Minister Sharon, stated that it was "highly unlikely" that Israel would comply with Security Council resolution 1435 (2002). Moreover, other Israeli officials were quoted as stating that the United Nations demand for an end to the military actions was "difficult" to accept and that the occupying forces would continue such actions until their "objectives" were reached. Such utter disregard for the resolutions of the Council requires serious and immediate follow-up.

Indeed, even as the Security Council debated yesterday with regard to recent Israeli military actions and demanded, inter alia, that "Israel immediately cease measures in and around Ramallah including the destruction of Palestinian civilian and security infrastructure", the Israeli occupying forces launched another raid in Gaza. In the early morning hours of Tuesday (Palestine time), dozens of Israeli tanks, armoured vehicles and bulldozers, backed by helicopter gunships, raided a residential neighbourhood in Gaza City. At least 9 Palestinians were killed in this assault by the occupying forces and more than 20 others were wounded. In addition, the Israeli occupying forces blew up several buildings during this attack and demolished the home of another Palestinian family in Gaza.

The continuation of such illegal and criminal Israeli actions, including the killing of civilians and the demolition of homes, must be vigorously condemned and measures taken to bring them to an immediate end. The Security Council must stand firm in its seriousness in following up its resolutions, including in the field of

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compliance and implementation, and must not allow itself to be undermined by the flagrant disregard and defiance displayed by Israel, the occupying Power, in this regard. Indeed, the Council must show the necessary resolve to uphold its responsibilities and ensure the implementation of its resolutions, especially, now, resolution 1435 (2002).

In follow-up to my previous 136 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 20 September 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248; A/ES-10/156-S/2002/245; A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253, A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258; A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281; A/ES-10/160-S/2002/307; A/ES-10/161-S/2002/319; A/ES-10/162-S/2002/330; A/ES-10/163-S/2002/340; A/ES-10/164-S/2002/353; A/ES-10/165-S/2002/361; A/ES-10/166-S/2002/370; A/ES-10/167-S/2002/433; A/ES-10/168-S/2002/474; A/ES-10/169-S/2002/495; A/ES-10/173-S/2002/536; A/ES-10/174-S/2002/555; A/ES-10/175-S/2002/610; A/ES-10/176-S/2002/617; A/ES-10/177-S/2002/641; A/ES-10/178-S/2002/650; A/ES-10/179-S/2002/654; A/ES-10/180-S/2002/686; A/ES-10/181-S/2002/697; A/ES-10/182-S/2002/699; A/ES-10/183-S/2002/717;

A/ES-10/184-S/2002/738; A/ES-10/185-S/2002/827; A/ES-10/190-S/2002/891; A/ES-10/192-S/2002/976; A/ES-10/193-S/2002/983; and A/ES-10/194-S/2002/1052), it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 16 Palestinians, including children, have been killed by Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of Palestinian martyrs killed since 28 September 2000 to 1,821 people. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 24 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Saturday, 21 September, through Tuesday, 24 September 2002)

Saturday, 21 September 2002

Haitham Saeed Natet (17 years old)

Sunday, 22 September 2002

1. Issa Abdelhafiz Ismail
2. Issam Mithkal Hamzeh Al-Talawy
3. Maher Ayad Hashash
4. Mohammed Sa'adi Al-Bahesh (13 years old)
5. Ahmed Mahmoud Radwan (18 years old)

Monday, 23 September 2002

Rawan Murad Issa Harizan (3 days old)

Tuesday, 24 September 2002

1. Mohammed Mahmoud Kishko
2. Yassin Nayef Nasar
3. Jaber Abdallah Al-Harazeen
4. Ihab Hisham Al-Maghny
5. Walid Hisham Al-Maghny (16 years old)
6. Adel Attallah Al-Deeb
7. Khalid Attallah Al-Deeb
8. Nidal Ismail Al-Sarsak
9. Ashraf Zawid

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,821.